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Find Out How Your School or Group Can Receive Excess Government Computers

New York City - Did you know that each year federal government agencies donate hundreds of pieces of computer equipment to local schools and community groups? These donations occur under the federal government's *Computers For Learning Program*.

"Federal agencies upgrade their computer equipment to ensure that government programs keep pace with available technology. In the current economic environment, this program enables schools and groups to obtain much needed equipment that their budgets may not allow for, and provides the federal agencies the ability to easily donate the equipment they no longer need. It's a win-win for both," said U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Regional Administrator Emily R. Baker.

GSA, the federal agency charged with managing this program, is planning a special *Computers For Learning Program* information day to help eligible schools and educational non-profit organizations learn how they can receive excess federal government computer equipment. This event will take place on Thursday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 3037A, in lower Manhattan.

This special information day is offered for all schools (K through grade 12, educational non-profits, and federal agencies who want to learn how to donate their excess equipment) in the greater New York metropolitan area. For more information and to register please call 212-264-2034 or visit GSA Events at the agency's website, www.gsa.gov.

Information on the Computers For Learning Program can also be found at: www.computersforlearning.gov .

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